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(SBU) China believes UN reform issues, such as those raised in reftel concerning the Redesign Panel report, should be resolved by experts on the Fifth and Sixth Committees in New York, MFA International Organizations Department UN Division Deputy Director Yao Shaojun told poloff March 19. Responding to poloff's March 14 delivery of reftel message, Yao said China understands the United States' concerns about the financial impact and potential administrative burden of some of the Redesign Panel's recommendations. At this stage, Beijing is not inclined to delve into the details of the personnel system and will defer to its experts in New York, he said.  
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